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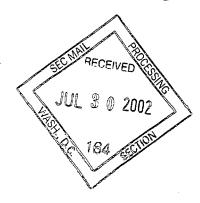
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#### **Upcoming Results**

A further update will be released when all assay results have been received, compiled and interpreted. At the present time, this exercise is expected to take from 6 to 8 weeks.

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